

## **REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

Claims 1-36 were originally submitted.

Claim 1-17, 25, and 27-36 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 18, 22, 23, 24, and 26 have been previously amended.

Claim 26 is currently amended.

Claims 18-24 and 26 remain in this application.

## **Examiner Interview**

A telephone interview was conducted on August 11, 2006 between Examiner Marisol Figueroa and Emmanuel Rivera. It was agreed that the amended claims as listed are not taught by the references cited in the Action.

## **CONCLUSION**

All pending claims 18-24 and 26 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

Dated: 10/2/04

Respectfully Submitted,

By: Emmanuel A. Rivera  
Emmanuel A. Rivera  
Reg. No. 45,760  
(509) 324-9256, ext. 245